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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1195  
By West

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Tennessee Firearms Association for its meritorious efforts in promoting gun safety and defending the right to keep and bear arms in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Firearms Association (TFA) is a not-for-profit corporation formed to promote the right to keep and bear arms and to educate Tennessee's citizenry on the responsible use, ownership and carrying of firearms; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Firearms Association holds that every American is endowed with certain unalienable rights, granted to us by our Creator, and made our birthright by the sacrifices of the men and women who founded this state and country; the TFA further holds that the right to keep and bear arms is one of those unalienable rights, one that our government has no authority to infringe upon or take away; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Tennessee Firearms Association is to defend the inviolable right of the individual to keep and bear arms and to promote the responsible use, ownership and carrying of firearms; and

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WHEREAS, the TFA is the only full-time organization supporting the right to keep, bear and arms for Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Firearms Association sponsors an experienced Legislative Action Committee known as TFA-LAC; this excellent Legislative Action Committee works closely with the General Assembly and the executive branch to restore and secure our rights to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Firearms Association and TFA-LAC have played an important and essential role in the development and evolution of Tennessee's handgun carry permit laws; and

WHEREAS, throughout all its endeavors, TFA staunchly defends the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 26 of the Tennessee Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Firearms Association benefits greatly from the keen insight, legal expertise and inspired leadership of its Executive Director, John I. Harris; and

WHEREAS, by defending the most time-honored principles of liberty and civic responsibility, the Tennessee Firearms Association performs many valuable functions for Tennesseans and should be commended for leading the battle to restore and secure our unalienable right to keep and bear arms; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the Tennessee Firearms Association for its meritorious efforts in promoting gun safety and defending the right to keep and bear arms in Tennessee; salute TFA's Executive Director, John I. Harris, for his astute and dedicated service to the organization and all Tennesseans; and thank these worthy citizens for their ongoing commitment to this noble cause.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.